

## Instructions on Searching Historic Probate Records

1838 – 1956

Images of entire Probate Volumes A-Z & 1-30 with  
accompanying Index Volumes 1, 2, 3

Conducting a search via the web

[www.fortbendcountytexas.gov](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov)

From the Fort Bend County home page, select *“Departments”*  
then *“County Clerk”*.

Click on the *“Search”* option from the County Clerk home  
page.

Under Court Record Search, select *“Probate Court”*.

On the Case Records page, select *“Probate Case Records”*.

On the *“Search by:”* function, select *“Case”*

In the *\*Case Number:* box, enter *Probate\** in order to view  
a total list of Probate Books A-Z & 1-30 as well as Probate  
Index Volumes 1, 2, 3 (*note the index books will appear at the  
end of the entire list*) Click *“Search”* or press *“Enter”* for the  
list to populate.

In order to locate the probate records you wish to view, open each *Probate Index Volume* by clicking the name of the index volume you wish to view. From the *Register of Actions* page you will look under “Other Events and Hearings” and click the link titled “Historic Probate Book”. On the next page under the Image heading, double click “Historic Probate Book” once more.

A pdf image of the book will open and you can select the letter matching the last name of the party you wish to search. This will take you to the corresponding entries in the index book where you will browse the pages to locate your party search name. Once you find the name you are looking for (either in Probate Index Book 1, 2, or 3) make note of the Probate Volumes you will need to visit to view the records.

Return to the “Probate Case Records Search Results” page and open the volume you wish to view. Once opened, you may use the *Bookmarks* section to quickly go to the page number you wish to view.